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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 2762

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, SS, MR, AG, MO, FR

SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: RUMORS OF THIRD POLISARIO ATTACK ON
NOUAKCHOTT

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 2753, NOUAKCHOTT 2744

1. NOVEMBER 25 MAURITANIAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SECURITY
ALERT WAS PRUDENT RESPONSE TO WHAT ULTIMATELY PROVED TO BE
FALSE REPORT OF POLISARIO UNIT OPERATING NORTH OF CITY. (RES-
PONSE OF OTHER PARTS OF MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM),
SPECIFICALLY GOVERNOR NOUAKCHOTT AND MINISTRY EDUCATION, RATES
CHARACTERIZATION OF "OVERREACTION".) MINISTER OF
DEFENSE TOLD AFP REP LATE EVENING NOVEMBER 25 THAT ALERT
WAS CALLED IN RESPONSE TO SIGHTING BY PRIVATE CIVILIAN PILOT
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OF UNIDENTIFIED COLUMN OF VEHICLES APPROXIMATELY 60 KILO-
METERS NORTH OF NOUAKCHOTT AND THAT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
FOLLOW-UP DETERMINED THAT COLUMN WAS IN FACT GIRM MILITARY
VEHICLES ON ROUTINE DUTY. EUROPEAN RADIO NETWORK REPORTS
MAKING ROUNDS OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS THAT "UNIDENTI-
FIED" COLUMN WAS SPOTTED BY FRENCH MILITARY SURVEILLANCE
PLANE AND GIRM DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT WAS UNABLE EQUATE SIGHTING

TO ONE OF ITS OWN UNITS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED, AND ARE HIGHLY SUSPECT.

2. ACTION BY MAURITANIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY SECURITY AUTHORITIES IS UNDERSTANDABLE IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL FOR POLISARIO ACTION ON MAURITANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND AND MEMORIES OF TOTAL LACK OF RESPONSE BY MAURITANIAN AUTHORITIES TO WHAT WERE IN FACT ACCURATE REPORTS OF POLISARIO ACTIVITY NORTH OF NOUAKCHOTT ON JULY 3. SINCE JULY 3 ATTACK ON NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIAN FORCES IN CITY HAVE BEEN PUT ON ALERT SEVERAL TIMES IN RESPONSE TO WHAT HAVE PROVED TO BE UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS OF POLISARIO ACTIVITY NEAR CITY.
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